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SUBJECT: OMAN DELIVERY OF GCC TRADEMARK LEGISLATION REQUEST

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On June 30, Econoff delivered reftel demarche to Dr. Said al-Riyami, Economic Expert, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Riyami expressed appreciation for the documents provided, and agreed that it was important for Oman to ensure that the Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) revisions to its draft trademark law address discrepancies with the Sultanate's free trade obligations. To this end, Riyami told Econoff that Oman has already indicated to the GCC that its own law would take precedence over the GCC's should the latter not meet the standards of the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement.
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